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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ikuo SAKAGUCHI

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Application No. 09/838,185

Group 3628

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Examiner S. Chencinski

CARD UTILIZATION APPROVAL METHOD,  
CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND CARD  
AUTHENTICATION AND SETTLEMENT  
PROCESSING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 22, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 27, 2005, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.